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Rural Medical Training Centres.

* 173 *Q.*—SRI G. SATYANARAYANA: *Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of Rural Medical Training Centres run by the Government in the State?*

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"There are no rural medical training centres run by Government."

Gruel centres in South Arcot district.

* 174 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN: *Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—*

(a) whether the Government have any proposals to declare the South Arcot district a famine area under the Famine Code; and

(b) how many gruel centres have been opened in the said district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) There is no proposal at present to declare the South Arcot district as a Famine area under the Famine Code.

"(*b*) Nine gruel centres are functioning in the district."

Opening of a Munsif's Court at Payyanoor.

* 175 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: *Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have sent any recommendation to the High Court to open a Munsif's Court at Payyanoor?*

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"The answer is in the negative."

Dearness allowance to the employees of the former Pudukkottai State Devasthanam Department.

* 176 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: *Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—*

(a) whether all the employees of the former Pudukkottai State Devasthanam Department have been given an increased rate of dearness allowance;

(b) if so, from what date and at what rate;

(c) whether it is a fact that the grant has not been universal or uniform; and

(d) if so, why and the basis on which the grant was made?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU:—"(*a*) No. The Government are examining the question.

"(*b*) *to* (*d*) Does not arise."